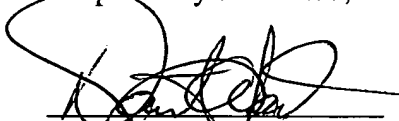


REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to include reference to PCT application number PCT/ EP2004/053321 filed December 7, 2004, which claims priority to European Application Serial No. 03028713.0, filed December 12, 2003. The Claims have been amended to reduce multiple dependencies and to conform claims more closely to U.S. practice.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and early and favorable processing in the National Phase before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is courteously solicited.

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